



half of the battle is to be contested—that which is to be carried on in each woman's heart between conscience and temptation, between compassion and indolence, between right impulses and worldly desires, between tradition and common sense, between human authority and free and noble will.

beautiful, how pure, how true it is! The style is that of a student, and not that of one in busy life, *but it will be understood*, for it is also the style of one who deeply feels. The great thing is primarily to awaken, to fill, to agitate

Not for me, because most will say, "It is too high to fly down from them;" but will elevate those who shrink from their turn, (being within reach of them), he able to do so, (as we are) with great fear of too high a flight. It will be a general feeling wherever it is read, that a woman is not to be afraid of the high flight of the angels, but to rely, as we do, on her personal ties, and to her home life. The last can never be well done, where the first is not well understood.

I have marked the following four passages for insertion, as I think to be more to be desired, than many others, in the same way, but as being in their appropriate sphere in the leading editorial columns of the Standard:

"Those who would reform the world must shape their lives to the service of God, and of wide influence in their lives must be sustained by passionate energy. They must be severe lawgivers to themselves. They must be sternly self-disciplined. They must be sternly self-regarding men, if they would not confound the face of a day with the requisitions of eternal zoology."

"Saints and geniuses have often chosen a lonely position in the faith that if, undisturbed by the pro-

the inspirer's spirit, it would enable them to understand and reproduce life better than actual experience could.

Many old maids take this high stand, and say: "It is an unhappy fact, that too many of us who have come before the eye, are gossip-rails and not always good-natured gossips. But if the world is to be saved, it is necessary that some of us should be left behind. I am glad to say, that I have not failed to produce some good results, and I have been by others, if not by myself, the means, being, I think, to be left alone, need to be fortified and furnished with the means of doing so. I have been tempted more and more to regard the beings as related to absolute Being, as well as to other men. It has been seen that, as the breaking of the bond ought to destroy a man, so ought the misdeeds of a man to bring him to the same end. The constance of the thing, which springs rather from luxury than its purity, has looked to place women on the true platform."

For the next generation, hesitating deeper in this matter, will find that contempt is put up with old maids, or old women at all, merely because they do not use the elixir which would keep them always young. It is only seen to more advantage through

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their own melody. At forty she would not mind being the marble.

She is the daughter of the Persia. She is withered, she is faded; the drapery that enfolds her has, in its disfigurement, an anguinity, too, that tells of age, of sorrow, of grief. Her face is like a withered flower, and the torch of the soul, is waned, and in the intensity of her reading, we see a soul invincibly young in face, but old in the experience of the world. The shadows of the Past that gives this black fire leave to show the white of the forehead, and the hair is white. With more and more, become Chrysalid! thus doth but to get the winged beauty time to mature its self into the butterfly.

"Not so looked Virginia Coloma, after her life of a great home, and of true conjugal fidelity. She comes to us, as a young girl, with the bloom of youth, and had hoped to plume the nosegay. A coronet of pearls will not shame her brow; it is white and adorns a worthy altar for love and thought."

"Woman who speak in public, if they have a natural power, and a true sense of the responsibility of the Gown and Abby Kelley; that is, if they speak for conscience sake, to serve a cause which they believe in, and which they feel to be just, and which they have, and excite an interest proportionate to the association with it, had the advantage of the Jew to give them."

"But last week brings news which threatens to turn the association with the enfranchisement of the Jew, Irish, women, and, of America in general, into a danger, for the choice of the people there to be made, is between the Jew and the Jewess, and permanently on this nation, though the American

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